

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the subject application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A liquid conjugate comprising a basic bioactive agent and an absorbable liquid polymer selected from a polycarbonate, a polyester-carbonate and a polyester carrying two or more carboxyl groups situated in medial portions off said polymer, said basic bioactive agent and said absorbable liquid polymer being at least ~~partially~~ 50 percent ionically bonded together to form said liquid conjugate.

Claim 2 (deleted).

Claim 3 (deleted).

Claim 4 (original): The liquid conjugate in claim 1 wherein the liquid polymer component is a carboxyl-bearing homopolymeric or copolymeric polyalkylene oxide.

Claim 5 (original): The liquid conjugate as in claim 1 wherein the liquid polymer component is a carboxyl-bearing homopolymeric or copolymeric polyalkylene oxide.

Claim 6 (original): The liquid conjugate composition as in claim 1 wherein said bioactive agent is ziprasidone and said liquid polymer is a carboxyl-bearing block/segmented copolymer comprising a polyalkylene carbonate and a polyalkylene oxide segment/block.

Claim 7 (original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising the liquid conjugate of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 8 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is for controlled release or immediate release.

Claim 9 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said bioactive agent is an aryl-heterocyclic compound.

Claim 10 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 9 wherein said aryl-heterocyclic compound is ziprasidone.

Claim 11 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said liquid polymer is (i) a carboxyl-bearing polyester, copolyester, polyalkylene carbonate, copolyester carbonate or combinations thereof; or (ii) an amine-bearing polyester, copolyester, polyalkylene carbonate, polyether carbonate, polyether, copolyester-carbonate or combinations thereof.

Claim 12 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said bioactive agent is ziprasidone and said liquid polymer is a carboxyl-bearing block/segmented copolymer comprising a polyalkylene carbonate and a polyalkylene oxide segment/block.

Claim 13 (deleted).